



Whip Round Up

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Reid for Nevada

Nevada Wins Court Ruling On Yucca Mountain

Senator Harry Reid hailed Friday's decision by the U.S. Circuit Court in Washington D.C., which ruled that environmental safeguards on the Yucca Mountain nuclear repository are not strong enough to protect the people of Nevada from the dangers of nuclear waste. Reid, who has fought Yucca Mountain for years, predicted that the ruling will help kill the project for good.

Reid, Ensign Win \$4.5 Million for Better Equipment for U.S. Troops

Senators Harry Reid and John Ensign have set aside \$4.5 million in the Defense Appropriations budget for a Nevada company to supply troops with high-tech personal flashlights. The lights are designed and manufactured by Reva International, a Reno-based company, and will help keep troops safe during nighttime operations.

Reid, Ensign Cheer Funds for Youth Soccer

Boulder Dam Area Council Boy Scouts of America were awarded \$14,000 thanks to Senators Reid and Ensign. The grant will help expand the area's soccer program and provide more opportunities for disadvantaged Hispanic youths in Las Vegas.

Reid, Ensign Announce Loans for Fallon, Churchill County

Fallon residents will benefit from a new sewer facility thanks to a \$2,042,758 Rural Development Loan announced by Nevada Senators Harry Reid and John Ensign. Meanwhile, a training facility for disabled citizens in Churchill County will be expanded thanks to a \$200,000 loan.

Reid Secures \$6 Million for Hawthorne

Senator Reid has secured funding that will equip the Hawthorne Army Depot with the latest technology to dispose of the military's old weapons. This is the third year in a row Reid has secured \$6 million for the Depot in the Senate Defense Appropriations bill.

Working with Nevadans

- Las Vegas student Cortney Tuggle met with Senator Reid while in Washington for the National Young Leaders Conference.
- Senator Reid met with Presidential Classroom student Lauren Liebhardt of Las Vegas during her visit to the Capitol.
- Lead America students - Jessica Barba, Supriya Beach and Ashley Stevens - met with Senator Reid while in D.C. for a leadership conference.



Reid's Words

"Friday's federal court ruling on Yucca Mountain is a huge victory for Nevada. The court realized that the environmental safeguards on the project simply aren't strong enough. I hope it will help put an end to this misguided plan to dump nuclear waste in our state."



Shari Buck, Councilwoman for North Las Vegas, Congresswoman Shelly Berkley and Senator Reid celebrate the inauguration of the new MAX bus service between downtown Las Vegas and Nellis AFB. The service, which will serve as a national model, combines the comfort and quality service of rail with the economy and efficiency of a bus.

Week in Review

Senate Backs Youth Suicide Prevention - Senator Reid's legislation on youth and adolescent suicide prevention passed the Senate Thursday night. Senator Reid introduced the bill with Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR), whose 21-year-old son, Garrett, committed suicide last year. The legislation, known as the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act, would target resources to states like Nevada that have higher rates of youth suicide, and expand prevention programs to families and at-risk youth.

Australia, Morocco Free Trade Agreements Loom - Following disposition of the Family Marriage Amendment next week, the Senate will likely consider a pair of free trade agreements for Australia and Morocco. Under the fast-track rules for trade measures, each agreement is subject to 20 hours of debate with no amendments in order. Both agreements eliminate or severely reduce tariffs and quotas on the trade of goods and services with the United States.

Class Action Reform - Efforts to reach agreement on bipartisan class action reform died this week, as the Majority Leader severely limited the number of Republican and Democratic amendments that could be offered to the bill. Without an opportunity to offer amendments, Senators from both parties objected to proceeding on the measure, leading to the defeat of a cloture motion on Thursday and spelling an end to the legislation for the time being.

Congress Stalled On Highway Bill - Senator Reid warned Thursday that Congress might not complete a comprehensive transportation bill that would provide billions of dollars for highways and other projects. Reid made the assessment after House and Senate negotiators failed to reach a compromise on spending for the six-year period. The House approved \$283.2 billion in its bill while the Senate okayed \$318.9 billion. President Bush has threatened to veto any bill higher than \$256 billion.

INSIDER'S CALENDAR

- The Senate will convene Monday July 12 at 1 p.m. and resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 40, the Constitutional Amendment on Marriage Resolution, with the time until 6 p.m. equally divided between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee.
- No roll call votes will occur on Monday.
- The Senate is expected to continue consideration of the resolution on Tuesday and Wednesday, with a vote in relation to the resolution on Wednesday.
- Following disposition of the Marriage Resolution, the Senate is expected to consider the Australian Free Trade Agreement.